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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and systems capturing particles suspended in a fluid
flowed through a micro-channel, can include flowing the fluid
including the particles to be captured through a micro-chan-
nel and past a groove defined in a surface of a wall of the
micro-channel such that flowing the fluid past the groove
forms microvortices in the fluid; contacting at least some of
the particles against an adherent disposed on one or more of
walls of the microchannel after the microvortices form in the
fluid; and capturing at least some of the particles contacting
the adherent.

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